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Applicant: Yuji Fujiwara et al.
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REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND METHOD, MEDIUM, AND
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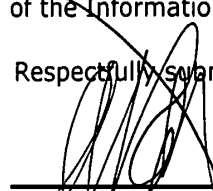
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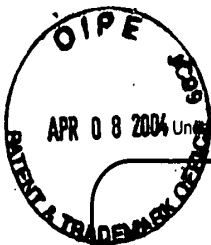


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